

ALL FOR STYLES

Sea Costume, Mai de Mer and the London Season.

How to Win Old Neptune's Favorance and a Lord's Approval—House and Street Dress for Spring—Wraps and Embroidery.

[COPYRIGHT, 1894.] What heroic sacrifices women of "position" will make for their social duty.

This has been a wild and stormy spring. Last week's great gale, which was felt over the entire country, tore the sea into foaming waves and tossed even the biggest of the ocean greyhounds on their beam ends. That early Thursday morning found the sun new risen on a nasty and heaving bay which gave promise of big seas outside the Hook you may not remember, but I have cause to do so; for on that fateful day I met on the shivery deck of the Fuerst Rismarck away over in classic Hoboken a lady of tragic mien and face pale but sternly set. She had flowers galore and fine raiment in store for her London season; and she had oranges and lemons and vinaigrettes and a dozen or so of champagne, and all the other remedies for seasickness. Yet she was not happy.

"My dear," said she as her dainty foot touched the gangplank—and there she stopped and looked for a moment, as if the ship's engines themselves couldn't pull her aboard—"my dear, I know the fate I am inviting. I have crossed ten times and the last voyage was as bad as the first. The torture of the rack and thumbscrew would be nothing to the agony I shall suffer. I do not expect to leave my berth—at least, not to go on deck—until we reach Southampton."

"But why do you go, then?" I asked. I have seen such cases. I know the look of wan misery they bear when they begin to fear that they are not going to die.

"Because the duties—Oh, well, you know, the London season—and then there's Helen." And by this time, with

get blown about more or less. So much

disarray is rather picturesque. But let a dainty girl step aboard just as she is, a picture of delight in plumed hat and fluffy curls and fur-trimmed coat and wide bell skirt of dainty texture; and half a day at sea shall transform her into a shivering wreck of ratty bangs and dragged plumes and stained gown and battered self-respect. And so we leave the subject, with a sympathetic sigh. If you will, for the dear old lady lying down in her pitching berth, caressing half a lemon and sustained by visions of the Babylonish season for which she is sacrificing so much.

New York is a Babylon, too, but that doesn't count.

Pleasanter far for two months yet is the shoreward view, where rarely is there lack of variety. I saw a group of four smart young matrons at a woman's suffrage meeting the other day—for you must know that in New York, at least, the long delayed, long expected union of advanced dressing and advanced thinking has come—whose wraps were as widely different as wraps could be, yet all in their way modish. There was a piquant little black-eyed woman who wore over a plain skirt a wrap of the same dark material, which scarcely showed in front at all, so covered up was it with escurial lace and black moire. Beginning at the high, stiff collar of jet beading there came first a wide round collar of the lace, then two enormous wings of moire reaching almost to the elbows on the side and quite to the hinge jet and enamel buckle which pretended to hold the jetted belt in place. Then comes a hip flounce of lace, and in front two enormous moire ribbon ends nearly to the hem.

Her neighbor, a little blonde in a butterfly bonnet, had a loose wrap of embroidered silk with black lace epaulettes, and a world of white embroidery about the collar and bosom.

No. 3 was an embroidered woman, too; but with a difference. Her white embroidery showed upon the collar and the lapels and the cuffs of a tight black jacket, and a profusion of white mazes decorated the skirts thereof. And woman No. 4 had cast off her

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a mighty shudder and a heartbreaking
sigh, she began slowly mounting the
gangplank, followed by the Helen
afore said, by half a dozen friends, my-
self included, and by a troop of obses-
sive porters. Helen was troubled by
no vision of seasickness. She was be-
witchingly rosy in the raw wind, and
looked altogether fit for a tussel with
sloping decks and driving spray, with
the male help that always comes so nat-
urally to pretty girls at sea. She had
her shore raiment packed in big trunks
away down in the hold, and shone in a
fit garb of stout shoes, narrow blue
skirt, fully three inches from the deck,
natty blue yachting jacket, with a
gleam of white brass here and there,
and a blue yachting cap, with gilt
emblem over the visor. When
once out of sight of the dock she
will, reappear in a heavy, wool-lined
English macintosh. Beneath her
yachting cap no tendrils or curls of
sunny hair is allowed to stray. The
damp would make it limp and dragg-
ling in an hour, but the long locks,
coaxed into a light and ship-shape
knot, will catch the glitter of the sun,
if any sun there be, and get tangled
in susceptible hearts whether sun
there be or no. And that yachting cap
she will wear indoors and out, eye,
even at meals—for such is the privilege
of sea women—until the other dock
three thousand miles away is reached.
Then into the horrible, black, dreary,
devouring smoke of Babylon will this
bright vision plunge. And the titled
nobodies will stare through their
monocles and admire and ask—roused
to languid interest by her sunny smile—
"Do you really, don't you know.
And, I say, has she any money?"

And such is a London success.
But think of that seashore mother and
her week's torture! Sacrifice, thy
name is woman!

Of course in late June or July the sea
will be smooth as glass, but then the
London season will be nearly over.
And thus it follows.

I have described a fit and suitable
seagoing costume. There is no other;
except that for the yachting can may
be substituted a soft Alpine with nar-
row brim or a fore-and-aft; but nei-
ther is quite so smart. The cloak must
be as long as the dress, scant in the
skirt and close-fitting about the waist
—or else a short reefer jacket. A cape
is admissible with the long coat, be-
cause it really doesn't matter if it does

wraps altogether, perhaps because she
had a stunning tailor made of dark
gray cloth buttoned in a peculiar man-
ner down the side and with a scallop
edged yoke such as tailor gowns sel-
dom had. But all these diverse tastes
in wraps augured not diversity of
mind. For did they not all agree that
the coming constitutional convention
of New York should strike the word
"male" from its mean old qualifica-
tions of voters?

Not all the Sne gowns have yet been
packed away in steamer trunks for
London fog to spoil. There was a pret-
ty dress, of London make, too, worn at
a little ball the other night which
shows how much charm may go with
the utmost simplicity. It was a "com-
ing out" dress, for even in these hard
times daughters do come out. The
skirt was a perfectly plain light steely
gray silk. The waist and the balloon
sleeves, the latter bigger than is usual
nowadays, were of white moire, figured
and lined in most peculiar fashion.
And that the gown might not lack em-
phasis and expression, there was a lit-
tle jet edged point in front at the
waist, and upon the shoulders two
square black velvet epaulettes of com-
manding size. At the right side of the
neck opening was worn a single huge
rose. ELLEN OSBORN.

Children's Eating.
Some parents compel their children
to eat against their will, as when they
come to the breakfast table without an
appetite or have lost it in prospect of a
visit or a ride or for the sake of "eat-
ing their plates clean" in discourag-
ement of wasteful habits. Unless we
are thirsty we can not drink the purest
spring water without aversion, and, as
for eating when there is no appetite, it
is revolting, as any one may prove to
himself by attempting to take a
second meal within twenty minutes
after having eaten a regular dinner.
The appetite, the hunger, is excited by
the presence of gastric juice about the
stomach, but if there is no gastric juice
there can be no hunger, no appetite,
and to compel a child to swallow food
when it is distasteful is an absurdity
and a cruelty.—St. Louis Republic.

Has Burns given up smoking?
"Can't tell." "Why not?" "He's dead."
Inter-Ocean.

The fool and the drum never speak
without declaring their emptiness.—
Ram's Horn.